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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ying LUO et al.

Application No.: 09/420,092

Filed: October 18, 1999

For: CELL CYCLE PROTEINS  
ASSOCIATED WITH PCNA,  
COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS OF  
USE

Examiner: Michele C. Flood

Art Unit: 1651

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE  
COMMUNICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 21, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the time for response for four months, from June 21, 2002 to October 21, 2002, is submitted herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 15, 16, 17 and 20 as follows.

Please cancel claims 18 and 19 without prejudice to subsequent revival.

Please add new claim 21.